

Amendments to the Specification

On page 11, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

In another embodiment of the present invention, Fig. 1d depicts a striking tool 10. The striking tool 10 includes a head 50 that includes a striking surface 60. The striking tool 10 defines a weight center 310. The striking tool 10 includes a curved handle 30 and a curved shank 20. The curved handle 30 and the curved shank 20 are adapted to be connected, one to the other. In an alternative embodiment, the curved handle 30 and the curved shank 20 are integrally formed so as to provide a unitary piece. The curved shank 20 and the head 50 are adapted to be attached, one to the other. The bottom surface of handle 30 defines a bottom edge 330. The bottom edge 330 defines a center point 340. The curved handle 30 and curved shank 20 together define a curved centerline 350, which intersects center point 340. Alternatively, curved handle 30 can define a centerline, or curved shank 20 can define a centerline. A curved line 360 is parallel to centerline 350 and tangent to the striking surface 60. The weight center 310 is disposed forward of curved centerline 350. In other words, the weight center 310 is disposed between curved centerline 350 and the striking surface 60. The curved shank 20, having the curved centerline 350 that intersects the center point 340, is common to all curved shank 20 elements in all embodiments; thus, the weight center 310, disposed forward of the curved centerline 350, is common to all weight center 310 elements in all embodiments.